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FREIGHT SERVICE INCREASES -- Shanghai Hsin-wen Jih-pao, 11 Apr 50

Shanghai -- Railroad responsibility for shipments of less than carload lots has been arranged between the North Shanghai, Soochow, Wu-hsi, Ch'ang-chou, Chen-chiang, and Nanking stations of the Shanghai-Nanking Railroad and the stations in the Cheng-chou zone. Stations in the latter zone benefiting by this service include those between Yu-tai-men and Kao-ch'ien-ts'un on the Peping-Hankow Railroad; those between Chia-ho-sai and Pao-chi on the Lung-Hai Railroad, and those between Ta-t'ai-yung and Chiao-tso on the Hsin-Huai line. This service went into operation early in April 1950. The Shanghai Railroad Bureau also states that from 11 April 1950, through tickets from Shanghai to Canton and way stations will be sold only after inspection of the passengers' certificates of vaccination.

COMPLETE HSIEN-NING BRIDGE -- Hankow Ch'ang-Chiang Jih-pao, 12 Apr 50

Hsien-ning Hsien -- On 4 April, through traffic was inaugurated over the newly repaired Hsien-ning bridge on the Canton-Hankow line. Repairs made on the bridge in 1949 were of a temporary nature, involving the replacement of wooden beams and foundation blocks. The new blocks were constructed of cement. Plans called for completion of the project within 6 days, but the workers, unwilling to delay traffic longer than necessary, worked at an increased pace and completed the job in 2 days.

CMSC INCREASES VOLUME OF FREIGHT -- Tientsin Jih-pao, 11 Apr 50

Since the "less profits and more freight" policy was adopted in accordance with the 1950 Shipping Program set forth by the Administration Council, the Tientsin branch of the China Merchants Steamship Company has increased its freight volume considerably. At present, it has a contract with the China Coal and Construction Material Corporation to transport 7,800 tons of cargo to Canton, while contract negotiations are being made with the China Salt Corporation and China Local Products Corporation to transport 50,000 tons of coal, 10,000 tons of salt, and 25,000 tons of peanuts and rice.

To provide better shipping service, the CMSC is approaching various foreign trade corporations to conclude long-term contracts. The North China Importing Corporation has already approved of this type of contract and, tentatively, it has agreed to permit the CMSC to carry all of its cargoes imported through Hong Kong. Signing of the final agreement is expected to follow soon.

ESTABLISHES YANGTZE RIVER SHIPPING BUREAU -- Shanghai Ta Kung Pao, 11 Apr 50

Hankow, 10 April -- The Central China Navigation Control Bureau has been reorganized and renamed the Yangtze River Shipping Control Bureau. This bureau, to control all shipping on the Yangtze, has branch offices at Chung-king, Hankow, and Ning-po, and field offices at Wan-hsien, I-ch'ang, Sha-shih, Shih-hui-yao, Chiu-chiang, An ch'ing, Wu-hu, Chen-chiang, and Chiang-yin.

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COMPLETE DREDGING OF TZU SHUI IN HUNAN -- Shanghai Ta Kung Pao, 11 Apr 50

Ch'ang-sha -- Dredging of the Tzu Shui in Hunan Province, begun during the first part of February 1950, was completed on 26 March.

The Tzu Shui, second largest river in Hunan Province, was once an important outlet for coal, iron ore, timber, and paper products from Hunan Province to the Yangtze River. At the time of liberation, however, navigation on this river was extremely dangerous, as many shallows and sandbars had formed during the Nationalist regime. All of them have been removed and normal shipping service resumed.

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